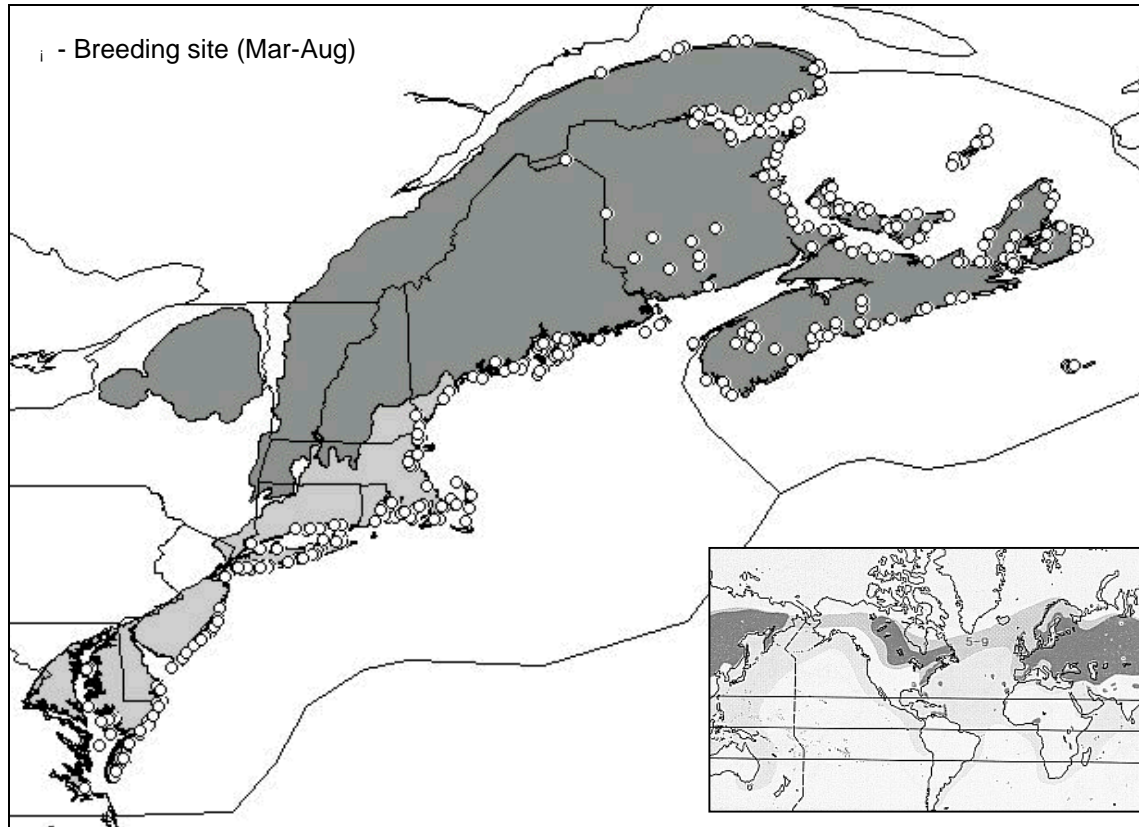


COMMON TERN

Sterna hirundo hirundo**Regional Occurrence** (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in region
- Habitats used: sandy, stony, rocky, or grassy islands; matted vegetation of salt marshes (breeding); seacoasts, estuaries, bays, rests on beaches and sand bars (non-breeding)

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=1

Regional Abundance

- 2000 population: US—97,446
- 1990s population: US—74,548 (199 colonies); CAN—52,949
- 1970s population: US—60,550 (218 colonies)
- 23% increase in regional population from 70s-90s

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=2

Regional Threats

- Predation by mammalian and avian predators
- Persisting occupation of prime island sites by large gulls
- Flooding, rising water levels wash away nests; island loss
- Unknown mortality factors operating in winter quarters
- Human disturbance at nesting and foraging habitat

NAWCP TB=5; NAWCP TN=4

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
1,037,070 – 1,430,670t	300,000b	63,353b	64,144b	14,882b	46,639b	13,027b	52,949b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Low Concern (PI>84%)	Low (PI=21%)	Low (PI=21%)	NJ- S3B; DE-S1B MD-S4B; VA-S3	NY-S3B; CT-S3B, SZN; RI- S3B, SZN; MA-S3; VT-S1S2B,S2N	MA-S3; NH-S1 ME-S4B; NB-S3B, NS-S3B	QC- S5; NB- S3B PE-S3B; NS- S3B

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 0.8-0.9 chicks / pair; *Foraging Habitat:* 5-10 km, max 45 km; shallow, inshore waters, bays, estuaries, salt marsh creeks, lakes; surface feeder and plunger; *Issues:* Several important sites in New England have been restored by controlling gulls; Many sites are intensively managed, including restrictions on human access, managing vegetation, and controlling predators; Little is known of factors limiting adult survival; Concentration of breeding population into few colonies; Charismatic species for conservation, responds to active management; *Needs:* research potential impact with commercial fisheries, monitor, requires active management, public education of beach ethics, link with other bird conservation efforts; *Population Goals:* restore (increase); *Habitat Goals:*